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Madams and Sirs,

Already I have submitted a comment, online. Further points I would like to make in response to testimonials given during the public comment.

- My recreation is hindered IN NO WAY by Federal Management. This includes motorized, non motorized, hunting, solitude, subsistence gathering

- Idaho's public schools rank as among the lowest in the nation. Selling More board feet of timber will not improve that - education requires investments other than a few more dollars provided by timber harvest.
- Land has inherent value relative to its location, resources within, etc., as in the case of two lots in town - one will be worth more than the other. Public land also has inherent value, relative to views, flora and fauna, resources to be extracted, recreation available. The Federally managed lands in north Idaho allow for all of the above. Having these inherently valuable lands enriches my life, draws visitors to the region and hopefully remain public for perpetuity.

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The state of Idaho has already drastically defunded its state parks. Idaho state parks have thousands of visitors every summer, and many parks are at risk of closing because of a lack of funding. These thousands of people, we can readily infer, find inherent value in these lands but the state deems them unworthy of funding. What can I infer if the state were to take over my public lands? That they would be similarly treated, or more likely sold to the highest bidder.

Make no mistake, please: federally managed lands are not "owned" by the federal government. They are managed, but owned by the public. I cannot rely on the state of Idaho to preserve these lands for me and my fellow Idahoans.

I urge you to cease pursuit of public land acquisition. Idaho needs investment in education, economy and the future. Seizing public land from Idahoans and our many visitors is not the way to achieve advancement. Please consider the inherent value of our public lands and the quality of life they provide under federal management.

Sincerely,  
Rebekah Davis.

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